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CSU Extension program – Extending the Growing Season

The Town of Estes Park's Senior Services Division and Estes Valley Community Garden, Inc. are collaborating to bring an interesting gardening program to Estes Park in May. On Wednesday, May 13, from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m., Alison Stoven O'Connor, PhD, will present the program, *Extending the Growing Season*, at the Estes Park Museum meeting room, 200 Fourth Street. The program is free; no registration is needed.

Gardeners at high elevations face many challenges – weather, wind and a shorter growing season. Join Alison to learn techniques to extend the growing seasons, both in the spring and in the fall. Specific topics like using containers, covering, cold frames and raised beds will be discussed. In addition, plant selection and timing will be addressed.

Alison Stoven O'Connor is the Colorado State University Extension horticulture agent in Larimer County. She's been with Extension for ten years. Alison coordinates the Larimer County Master Gardener program and assists homeowners and industry with horticultural questions. She attended Iowa State University and The Ohio State University, majoring in horticulture, and just completed her Ph.D. Colorado State University, studying nursery tree production and landscape establishment. In her spare time she enjoys golfing, gardening and growing giant zucchini for competition.

For more information on the Estes Valley Community Garden, visit their website at www.evcg.org. For more information on CSU Extension in Larimer County, visit their website at www.colostate.edu/Depts/CoopExt/LARIMER.

For more information, please contact the Estes Park Senior Center at (970) 586-2996 or visit the Center at 220 Fourth Street, Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Please visit the Senior Center website at www.estes.org/seniorcenter. To receive Senior Services news in your e-mail inbox, please e-mail lmitchell@estes.org.

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